

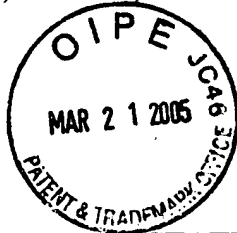
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For: *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED NETWORK ACCESS AND CONTROL ENABLING HIGH AVAILABILITY, SECURITY AND SURVIVABILITY*

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.